

Town of Camden
Regular Town Council Meeting
Camden Municipal Building
December 1, 2014

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor King called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and noticed that this regular Council Meeting was being held in compliance with the Delaware Open Public Meeting Act by posting the agenda on November 24, 2014, in the following manner:

- a. The electronic sign,
- b. The Official Bulletin Boards, and
- c. The official Town of Camden Web Site.

Mayor King led attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor King led a moment of silence.

Council Attending: Mayor King, Vice-Mayor Green, Councilman Dougherty, Councilman Casquarelli, and Councilwoman Torres.

Staff Attending: Chief William Bryson, Town Manager Aaron Chaffinch, Town Clerk Jamie Fenske, Town Solicitor Craig Eliassen, Account Specialist Amanda Marlow, and Finance Officer John Kelly.

AMENDMENTS

None.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Caroling in Camden will be December 5, 2014, 6:30pm, at Town Hall.

MINUTES

Motion made by Councilman Casquarelli, seconded by Vice-Mayor Green, to approve the November 3, 2014 regular meeting minutes. All in favor; none opposed.

PRESENTATION

Levy Court Presentation

Commissioner Sweeney explained that since he has been elected there have been two opportunities for the Levy court to give extra money from taxes back to the municipal police departments.

Commissioner Sweeney and Commissioner Pepper presented a check from the Levy Court to the Police Department.

Commissioner Pepper explained that the funds had to be used by the police department. The funds were based on how many times the department assisted the State Police.

Mayor King thanked the Commissioners and congratulated Chief.

Chief Bryson also thanked the Commissioners.

FINANCE REPORT

Mr. John Kelly stated that everything seems to be in good order.

Mr. Kelly explained that the street lights line item will remain as is until funds are received for the Municipal Street Aid Fund.

POLICE REPORT

Chief Bryson's report included but was not limited to traffic arrests and criminal activity.

Mayor King stated that crime has gone up about 30% and questioned if Chief Bryson still thought another police officer position was necessary.

Chief Bryson agreed that he felt another police officer position was needed.

Vice-Mayor Green asked Mr. Kelly to figure into the budget a new police officer position.

TOWN MANAGER REPORT

Mr. Chaffinch reported that the street repair project was completed the day before Thanksgiving.

Mr. Chaffinch added that Caroling in Camden will be December 5, 2014 at 6:30pm here at Town Hall.

Mr. Chaffinch explained that the storm drain on West Street was repaired and funded by Senator Buschweller.

Councilwoman Torres stated that she felt A-Del Construction did a great job on the street repair.

CAMDEN WYOMING FIRE DEPARTMENT

Mr. Tom Rigsby of the CWFD reported 224 medical calls and 46 fire calls

Mr. Rigsby stated that bingo is every Tuesday, doors open at 5:30.

Mayor King questioned how the ladder truck was coming along.

Mr. Rigsby explained that the truck will be gone for 5 weeks to get painted. Due to needed training, the truck should be on the road in approximately 6 months.

Councilman Dougherty thanked Mr. Rigsby, the fire department, and the EMT for their hard work and prompt service.

CAMDEN WYOMING SEWER & WATER AUTHORITY

Mr. Chaffinch read a letter submitted by Mr. Peter Couming. Mr. Couming explained that the CWSWA is providing a workshop for high school children to learn more about the engineering field.

Mr. Couming stated that meetings are the second Tuesday of every month, 7pm, at the CWSWA office.

FRIENDS OF HISTORIC CAMDEN

Mrs. Burke stated that the next regular meeting will be December 16th, 2014, 7pm, at Barclay Farms clubhouse.

MAYOR

Mayor King added that Caroling in Camden will be this Friday here at Town Hall.

Mayor King thanked the staff for their hard work, VFW and Friends of Historic Camden for their assistance, and Kent Landscaping for donating a tree.

OLD BUSINESS

Camden Wyoming Fire Department

Mayor King explained that Matt Brown and Tom Rigsby met with the Town to ask for financial assistance for the fire department.

Mr. Rigsby explained that any financial assistance would be greatly appreciated.

Vice-Mayor Green questioned if the fire department does community outreach.

Mr. Rigsby reported that they do fund drives for the fire and the ambulance. He added that any money that would be given from the Town would go to needed equipment.

Councilwoman Torres explained that she doesn't think that the Town should commit to a figure every month and that the fire department should reach out to all the towns that they service. She added that maybe the town could give money at the end of the year if there was extra money in the budget.

Councilman Dougherty stated that he would like to see the fire department reach out to all the towns that they service. He would also like to see how many calls they make to each of the towns.

Mr. Chaffinch added that they need a starting place and would then approach other towns.

Mr. Rigsby explained that the fire department has monthly meetings and the finances are open to the public.

Mayor King thanked Mr. Rigsby for the excellent work that he does for the fire company.

Zoning Amendment

Mr. Chaffinch read the Ordinance #2014-O-03 title, Amendment to the Camden Zoning Ordinance revising the review and approval process for changes to the text of the zoning ordinance and the zoning map.

Motion was made by Vice-Mayor Green, seconded by Councilman Dougherty, to approve Ordinance #2014-O-03. All in favor; none opposed.

NEW BUSINESS

CWSWA Annexation

Mr. Chaffinch read the Resolution #2014-R-05 title Annexation – CWSWA Property.

Vice-Mayor Green questioned Chief Bryson if he had any concerns.

Chief Bryson stated he did not.

Motion was made by Vice-Mayor Green, seconded by Councilman Casquarelli, to adopt Resolution #2014-R-05. All in favor; none opposed.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Vice-Mayor Green reminded everyone that Caroling in Camden was going to be Friday, December 5, 2014, 6:30pm, here at Town Hall.

Mayor King explained that the town is looking for people that want to serve on the CWSWA Board of Directors.

Mayor King added that he is proud to serve the Town of Camden.

Mayor King wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays.

ADJOURNMENT

At 8:13p.m. a motion was made by Vice-Mayor Green, seconded by Councilman Casquarelli, to adjourn the regular meeting. All in favor; none opposed.

*Respectfully submitted,
Jamie Fenske, Town Clerk*